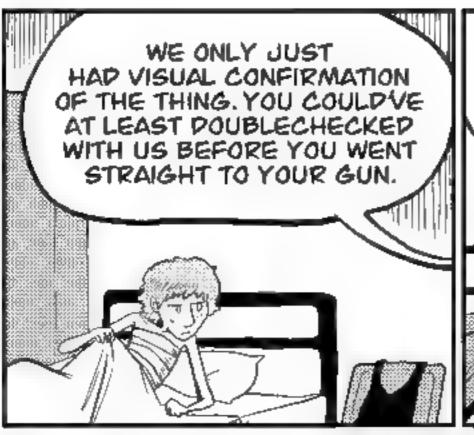






LOOK, THE AREA
WAS SECURE AND
ISOLATED. I WAS JUST
FOLLOWING PROTOCOL!
I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'RE
BITING MY HEAD OFF.
THE GIRL'S FINE, ANYWAY.
Y'KNOW, CONSIDERING.



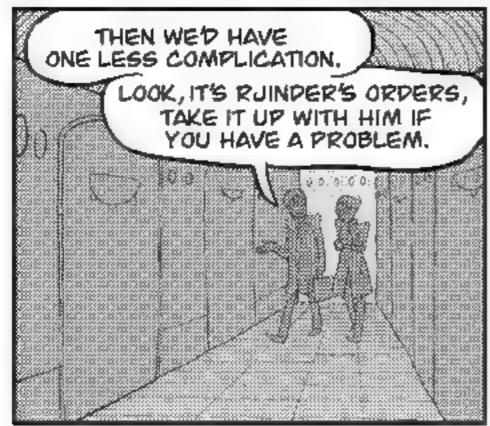
LOOK, SHE WAS FULLY
INFECTED! SHE NEEDED
THE CHEMICAL TO STABILIZE
HER. THIS IS WHAT ALL
THAT TRAINING WAS FOR!



BUT IF YOU HAD HIT EVEN A CENTIMETER TO THE RIGHT ...

AND EVEN IF
YOU HADN'T,
IT WAS STILL WAY
TOO MUCH, WAY
TOO SOON. SHE
COULD'VE DIED.





WELL EXCUSE
ME FOR FREAKING OUT
A LITTLE WHEN I SEE YOU
SHOOT A LITTLE GIRL
IN THE CHEST!



HA! MORE THAN
SEEING A LITTLE GIRL'S
HEART WALK AROUND
OUTSIDE HER BODY?

YOU KNOW IT'S DIFFERENT. MAN, WE HAVE GOT TO KEEP THESE THINGS FROM GETTIN' OUT. THE DIRECTOR'S GONNA HAVE US FOR BREAKFAST.



I'M JUST GLAD WE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER DEAD KID. WHY DO THEY HAVE TO GO FOR CHILDREN?

YEAH, THAT WAS
ONE OF OUR STRONGEST
SPECIMENS. BE A SHAME
IF WE HAD TO LOSE IT.
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME
WAY TO PRESERVE EM
AFTER THE HOSTS DIE...

Y'KNOW, I ASKED
RJINDER HOW EXACTLY
THE ORGANS KEEP WORKING
OUTSIDE THE BODY.

BUT HONESTLY? I DON'T THINK HE EVEN KNOWS YET.

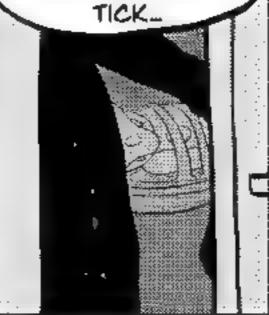


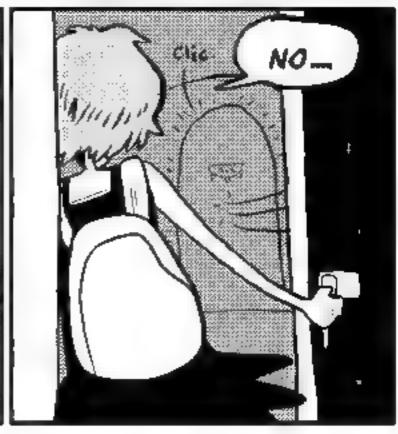
YOU ASKED
RJINDER? JUST
LIKE THAT? YOU GOT
STONES. GIVES ME
THE WILLIES JUST
BEING IN THE
SAME ROOM.





LET'S FIGURE OUT WHAT MAKES THE BIG GUY TICK...











SHUSH! JEEZ!
YOU WANNA GET
US CAUGHT?
PON'T WORRY!
THEY WON'T HURT
YOUR GUY TOO BAD.

I'M GONNA BUST OUTTA HERE! YOU CAN COME TOO. MY NAME'S JULIE! OKAY. I'M BINA...

> ARE YOU SICK?

HA! AS SICK AS YOU ARE! THEY DID THIS TO ME.

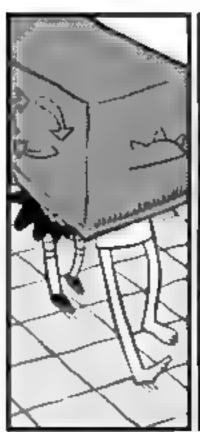
THEY CATCH
ME SOMETIMES,
BUT I ALWAYS
GET-OUT. I DON'T
THINK THEY EVEN
KNOW MY NAME
OR ANYTHING.





WE'RE GONNA GET OUT AGAIN TODAY, TOO. AND WELL RESCUE YOUR GUY. I JUST GOTTA GET MY KERA, FIRST!

YOUR WHAT?













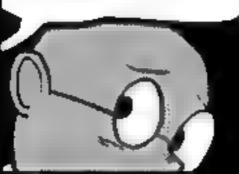




IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
HOW IS MY HEART
OUTSIDE MY BODY
AND I'M OKAY?
IT DOESN'T MAKE
SENSE AT ALL. I
PON'T EVEN KNOW
WHAT'S HAPPENINGWHERE EVEN AM II WANT TO GO HOME.



IT FEELS LIKE I
LEFT SCHOOL JUST
A SECOND AGO.
WHAT AM I GOING
TO DO? HOW DO I
GET HOME FROM
HERE- I JUST I DON'T - I CAN'T I DON'T KNOW IF I
CAN DO THIS ...



I JUST WANT TO GO HOME, I WANT MY MOM AND DAD ... I WANT IT TO BE OVER ...



OK, IT'S ALL SCARY RIGHT NOW, BUT I'LL GET YOU OUTTA HERE. THEN WHEN YOU'RE SAFE, WE'LL FIGURE OUT THE OTHER STUFF.

PON'T WORRY! I'LL HELP YOU. YOU'RE LUCKY I RAN INTO YA, BEAN!

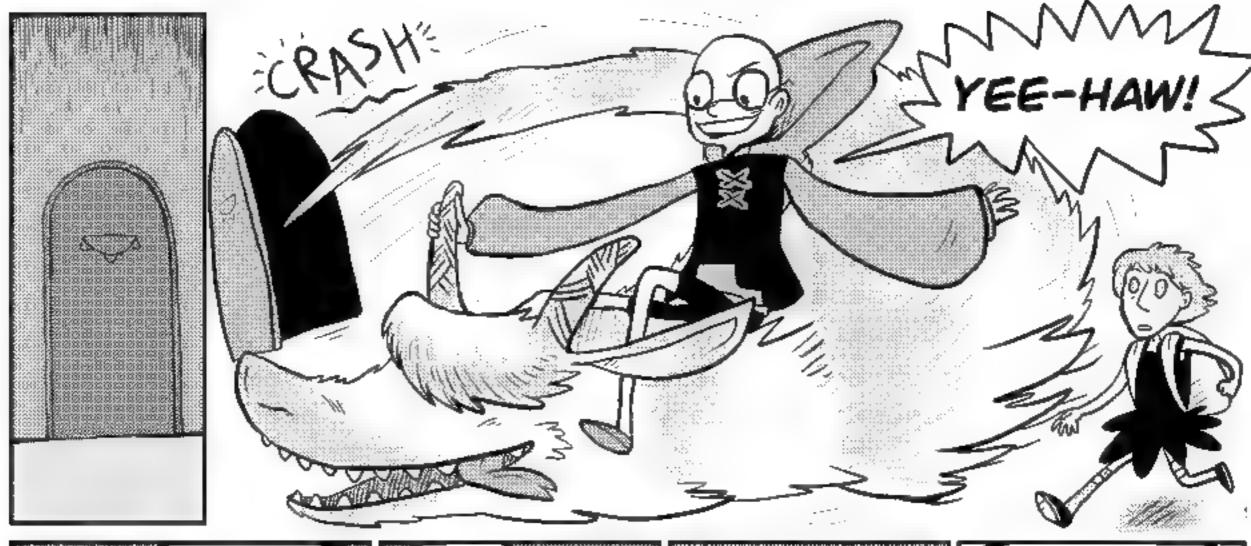












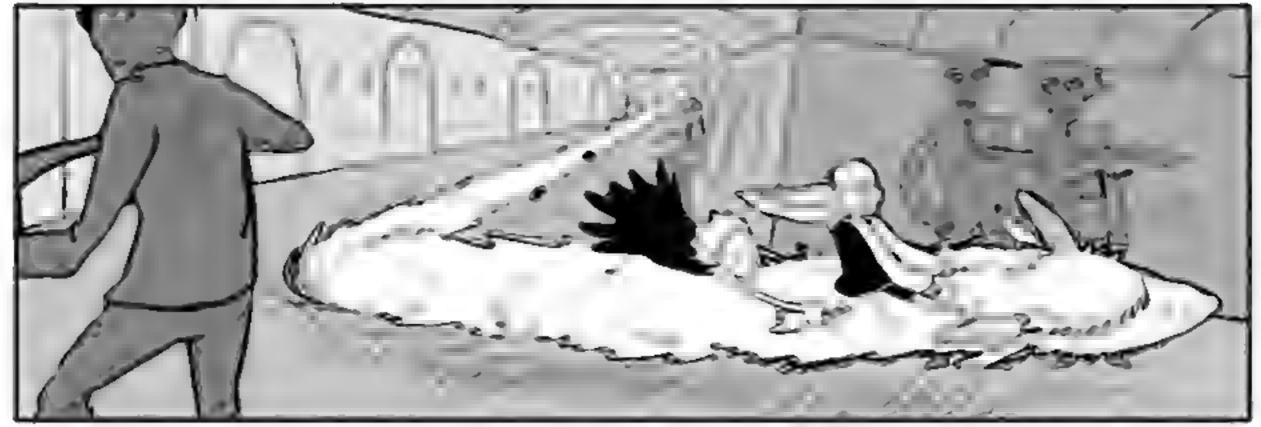


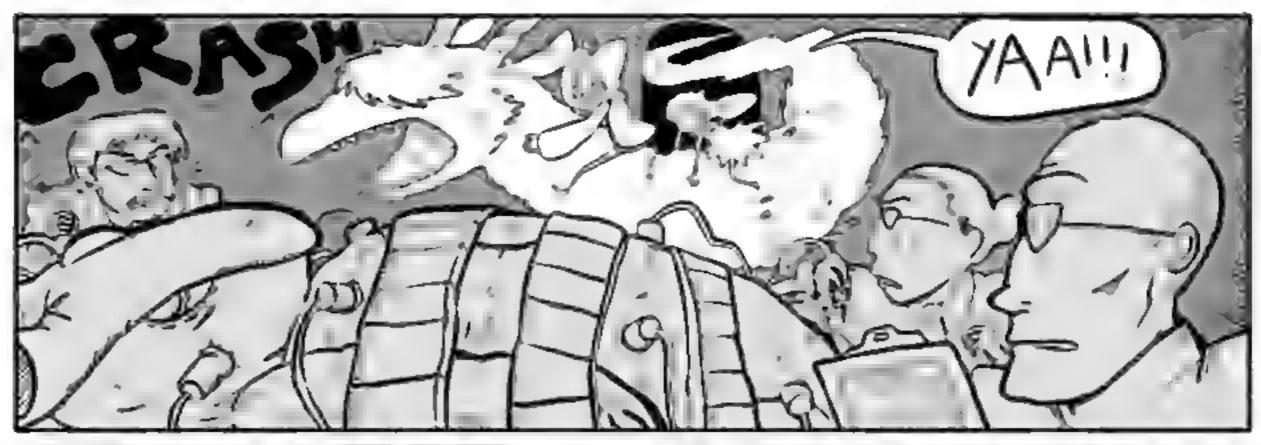






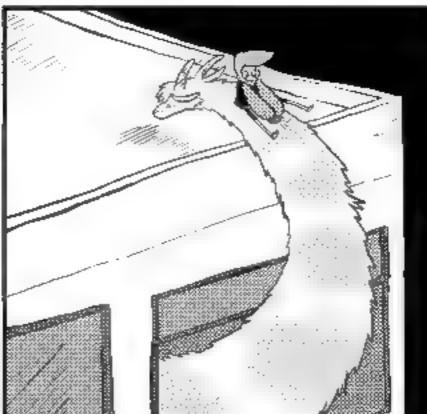










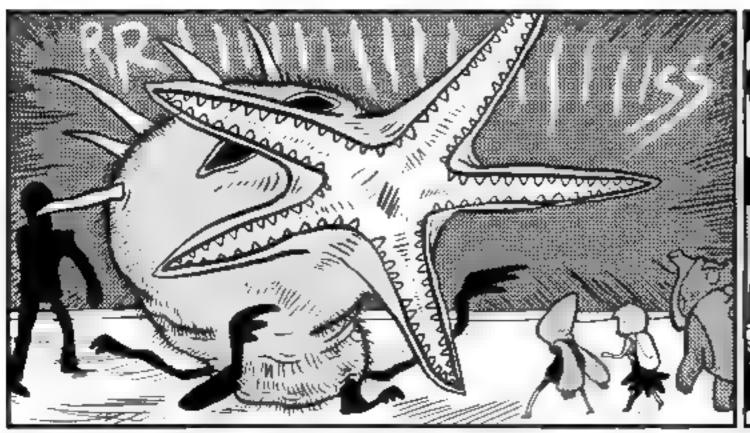








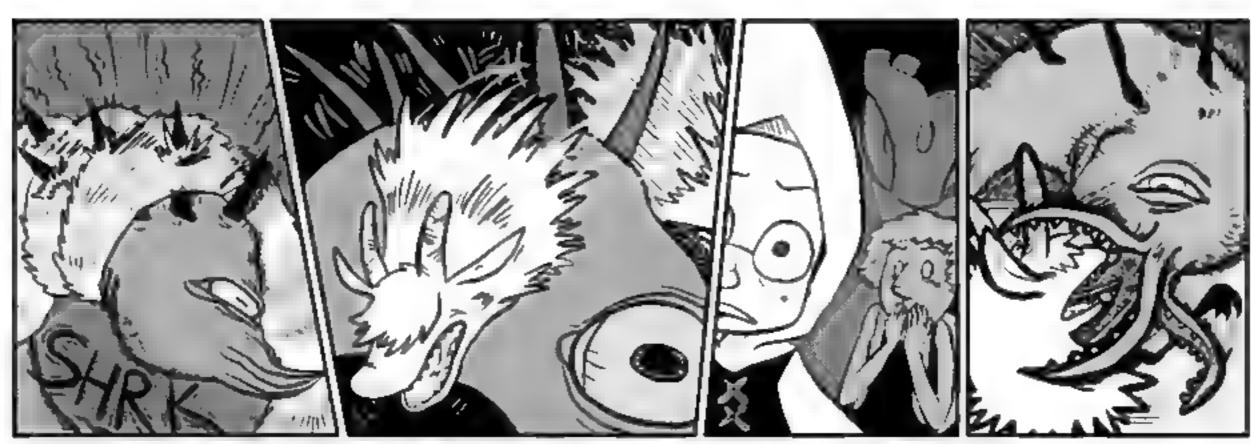


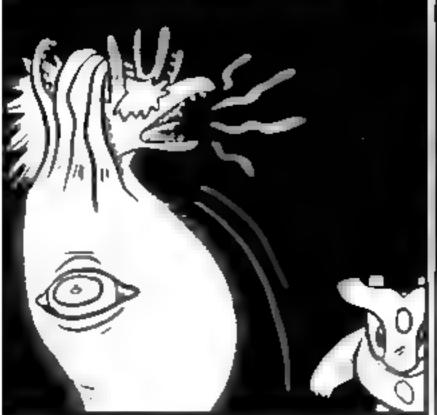


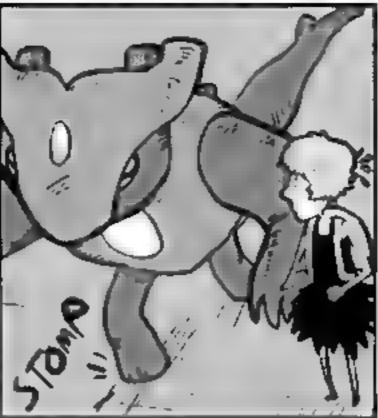


















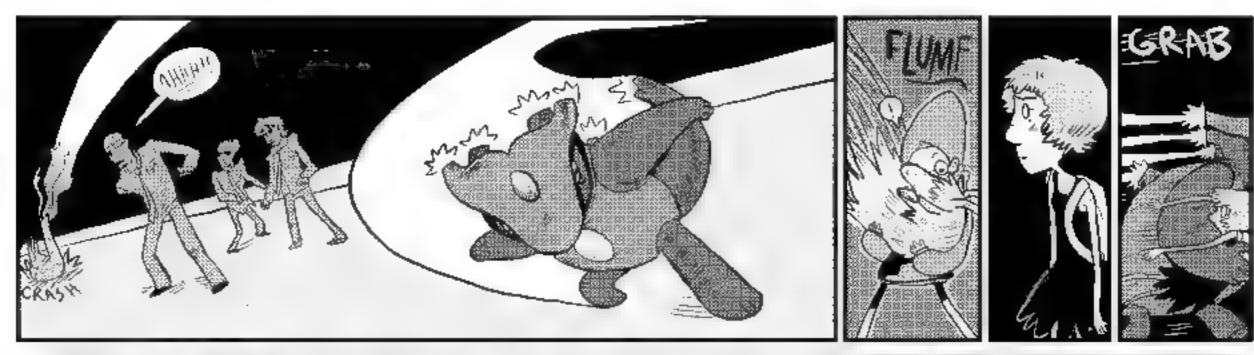






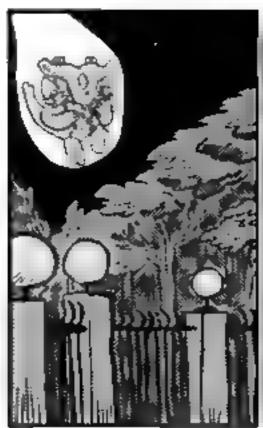


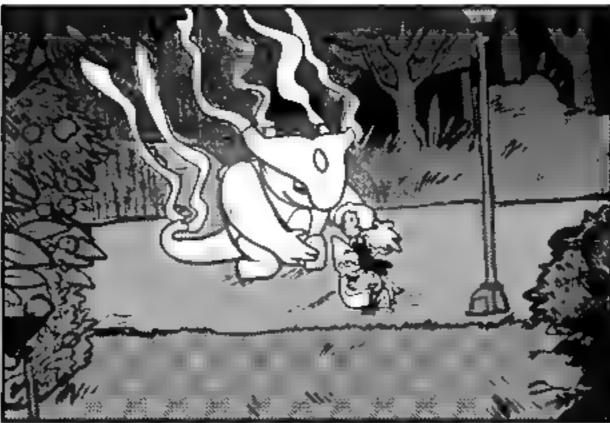


















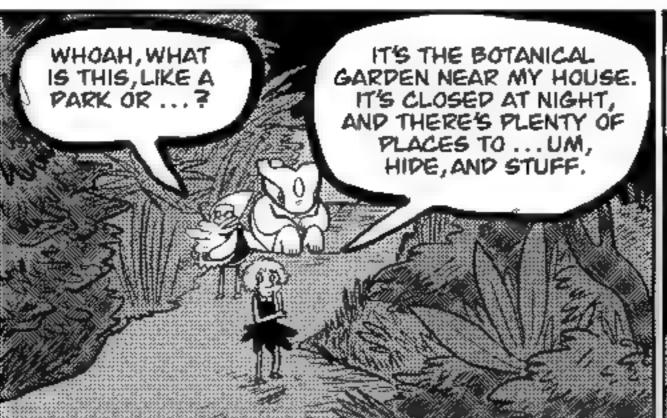






























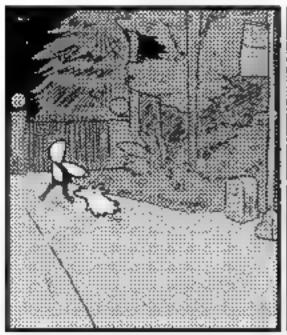












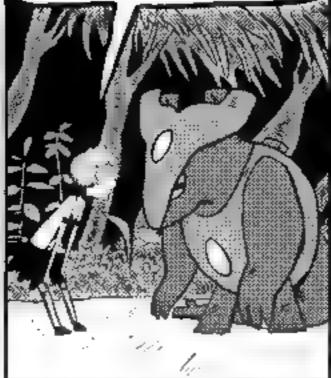




JUST...DO
WHAT I SAY, OKAY?
EXACTLY WHAT I SAY.
AND IF YOU SEE
ANYBODY AT ALL,
ANYBODY, GO HIDE.
LIKE, RIGHT AWAY.
UNDERSTAND?



YOU DO UNDERSTAND ME, RIGHT? BUT YOU CAN'T TALK OR ANYTHING. SO DO YOU HAVE A NAME?









LISTEN, AYO.

I KNOW IT'S A WEIRP
SITUATION. PROBABLY
FOR US BOTH! BUT I'M
GONNA KEEP YOU SAFE.

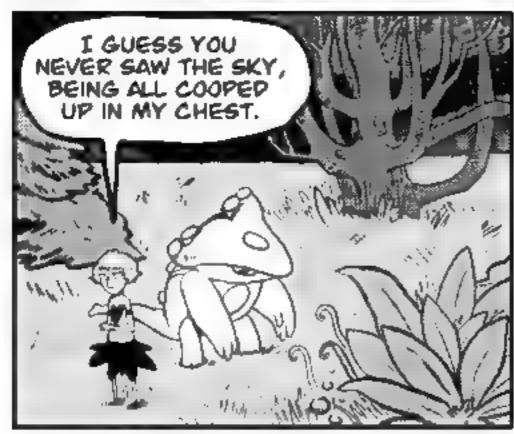
I PROMISE.





























ILL PROBABLY

PIE BECAUSE OF YOU!

BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU TURNED ME INTO! ITLL

NEVER BE THE SAME,

NEVER! ILL DIE AND

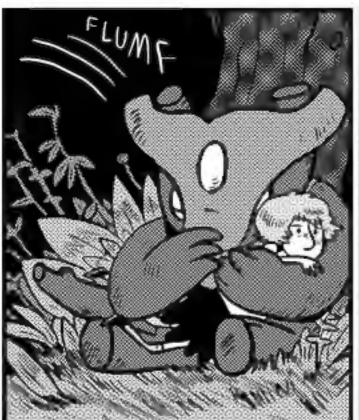
YOU'LL DIE AND- AND
I HATE YOU, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?



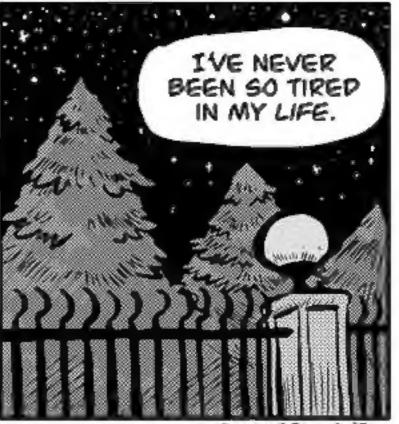












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